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But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

**... and the Spirit of God Was There**



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## Bulletin Board

The Georgia Ministers' Meeting will convene at the Hemphill Avenue Church of God in Atlanta, September 24, 25. The opening session will begin at 7:00 P.M. All ministers, including evangelists, should attend this meeting.

—W. E. Johnson  
Overseer

In the last six weeks we have received approximately 400 books of S. & H. Green Stamps. Our efforts are to reach a thousand as quickly as we can. We hope to receive enough within the six-month period to get a new 1959 Station Wagon. With the pastors' cooperation this goal will be reached very soon.

Mail all stamps to the Church of God Home for Children, Sevierville, Tennessee.  
—Cecil Bridges  
Superintendent

I am now available for revivals and can be contacted at this address: Rev. O. L. Rose, McRoberts, Kentucky.

Rev. Gene Nash and I have written and published a little book of 8 sermonets and 9 poems entitled "Wings of Inspiration." It sells for 50c per copy, or 40c in lots of 10. Copies can be obtained by writing Rev. William Simpson, Box 332, Shelburn, Indiana, or Rev. G. E. Nash, Rt. 2, Farmersburg, Indiana.  
—Rev. William Simpson

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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# Editorial

## Business for God

### COVER PICTURE

*Session of the Ordained Ministers' Council.*

Seated on the platform are (left to right): J. D. Bright, A. V. Beaubé, John L. Byrd, R. P. Johnson, J. H. Walker, H. L. Chesser, James L. Slay, J. T. Roberts, Ray H. Hughes, Charles W. Conn, Vianna Daniel and Margarette Catha (secretaries), H. D. Williams, A. M. Phillips (behind Houston R. Morehead, moderator), James A. Cross, Vep Ellis, Ralph E. Williams, Zeno C. Tharp, R. R. Walker, John C. Jernigan, and B. E. Ellis.

## The "Evangel" at the General Assembly

**L**ONG BEFORE THE recent General Assembly began, the *Evangel* began its preparations for thorough coverage of the meeting. Plans were made to publish the official appointments of the Assembly in the issue that was published during the Assembly week. (You received that issue last week.)

For the following two weeks, the *Evangel* will feature reports of every aspect of the great meeting.

A select staff of reporters were given specific assignments at a breakfast meeting before the Assembly began. The reporters worked hard during the week to cover their assignments and to rush their material to the *Evangel* office. It is our sincere prayer that you will enjoy the 47th General Assembly as it was seen through the eyes of these faithful writers: Paul S. Cook, one of the host pastors; Earl P. Paulk, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia; O. W. Polen, National Sunday School and Youth Director; Lewis J. Willis, Director of Sunday School and Youth Literature; G. W. Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio; Lucille Walker, Lee College; Ellen French, Benton, Illinois; H. L. Chesser, Clearwater, Florida; A. V. Beaubé, Alabama City, Alabama; M. G. McLuhan, South Africa; Louis Cross, Elizabethton, Tennessee; F. J. May, Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Leon Sheffield, photographer; and LaRue Gilleland, Religion Editor for the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.

We have endeavored to produce a report of this Assembly that you will enjoy and then pass it on to a friend, or keep as a record of one of our greatest gatherings.



The newly elected and retiring Supreme Council. The continuing members are marked (\*), the newly elected members are marked (\*\*), and the retiring members are unmarked. Seated (left to right): H. D. Williams\*, Assistant General Overseer; James A. Cross\*, General Overseer; Earl P. Paulk\*, Assistant General Overseer; A. M. Phillips\*, General Secretary-

Treasurer. Standing (left to right): Zeno C. Tharp\*, W. C. Byrd\*\*, H. B. Ramsey\*\*, Ray H. Hughes\*, J. T. Roberts, J. H. Walker\*\*, H. L. Chesser, J. Frank Spivey, Houston R. Morehead\*, James L. Slay, L. H. Aultman, C. R. Spain\*\*, D. C. Boatwright\*\*, Ralph E. Williams\*, Wade H. Horton\*\*, W. E. Johnson, J. D. Bright\*\*, Not pictured: E. M. Ellis, deceased; and Charles W. Conn\*.



*The Entertainment and Pre-Assembly Advertising Committee. (Left to right): Paul S. Cook, Douglas Jacobs, T. P. Patton, and C. J. Hindmon.*

# *The* MAKING *of a* General ASSEMBLY

*By Paul S. Cook*

THE FOYERS OF Ellis Auditorium resounded with a multitude of happy voices as ministers, their wives and laymen greeted one another as they gathered for the 47th General Assembly of the Churches of God. In observing these happy people and noticing the radiance of the beaming faces of thousands of eager listeners as they sat on the edge of their seats at the climax of one of the rousing sermons, I could not help but reflect that most of these jubilant people were not even remotely aware of the many long hours and hard work that had to be expended to ensure the success and smooth operation of such a gathering.

Several months prior to the Assembly, the Executive Committee in joint session with the Supreme Council of the Church of God made the decision that would culminate in the gathering of fifteen thousand delegates to Memphis, Tennessee.

Through the months the preliminary tasks of selecting the members of the various committees had to be arranged. Having been selected to serve on the Entertainment and Pre-Assembly Advertising Committee, our job began four months previous to the Assembly, when in a meeting with the General Secretary-Treasurer, our duties were outlined, and preliminary arrangements made. Serving on a committee sometimes has its brighter side, for we were royally entertained for dinner with all the trimmings by one of the hotels which was under consideration to cater for the delegates in the new kitchen at the auditorium.

The work of the committee began immediately after our selection. The Convention Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was approached, and a listing of all the major hotels and motels with the rates was secured. This was to be published in the Church of God *Evangel*. Arrangements had to be made with the Police Department about parking, and the smooth direction of the thousands of automobiles which would

be converging on the city. Signs advertising the coming General Assembly had to be designed, ordered and locations decided upon.

Meanwhile, the members of the other committees were likewise busily at work. The Music Committee had to arrange the stage for the choir and see that the musical instruments were installed and available for the opening night. One of the exacting jobs was the compiling of the program. After consultation with the many departments of the Church that would be represented, and the contacting of special speakers, the final format of the program went to the printers with the prayer that this would be the greatest Assembly yet.

The weeks pass swiftly. All over the Church of God is feverish activity. Laymen are arranging their vacations for that all-important week. Pastors are pondering the weighty question: "To stay or not to stay." Willing Workers' Bands are putting on suppers, frying pies and promoting other projects to raise money to send their pastor in high style to this great convocation. The Entertainment Committee is swamped with letters and phone calls from all parts of the country seeking reservations. All available vacancies in the hotels and motels are filled. An appeal is sent out through the newspapers for private homes. Hundreds of accommodations are classified and filed. All is in readiness.

Monday, the eve of the Assembly dawns. Before daybreak people are milling around the auditorium seeking a place to stay. Bedlam breaks loose around the entertainment booth. The day swiftly passes in a whirl of calling motels, private homes; marking maps, answering questions, running errands.

The first day of the Assembly sets the pace of five action-packed days, which for the Entertainment Committee means the handling of hundreds of pieces of mail, countless long distance telephone calls, and

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# ...and the Spirit of God Was There

By Earl P. Paulk, Jr.

**L**ONG BEFORE THE first session of the 47th General Assembly of the Church of God, there was concern about the spirituality of the meeting. The Executive Committee had chosen the theme "Holiness." On the program were Scriptures—"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14), "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16), "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:7), "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2), "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11), "He hath chosen us . . . that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4). Also, a large sign had been prepared that hung on the curtain back of the rostrum on which was written "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord."

The theme of holiness was referred to time and time again during the sessions and services of the Assembly. It was soul refreshing to hear so much stress placed upon that which has to do with the spiritual nature of man. It would have been almost impossible for a delegate or a visitor to leave the Assembly without having heard the word *holiness*. This emphasis seems to have challenged the carnality of our day. Doubtless, this theme was a witness against worldliness and materialism.

Preacher after preacher came forth to deliver his soul, and without exception they encouraged that which was spiritual over that which was carnal. God anointed His ministers to place emphasis where it was needed most. Shouts of hallelujahs echoed throughout the auditorium and halls and even into the streets.

Prayers that were offered to God seemed to be with great fervency. One could not help hearing those who led in prayer call upon God for guidance and for courage in this day of sin and ungodliness. Not only were prayers offered in the auditorium or at the sessions of the Assembly, but in private homes, hotels, and motels people sought the face of God.

The congregational singing seemed to be especially

spiritual. The delegates seemed to be lifted in adoration and praise to God. Tears were seen to flow freely down the faces of those who sang the praises of God. It was the old songs and hymns that seemed to bring the greatest response from the hearts of the delegates. The directors seemed to be led of God in choosing songs that would lift hearts into the very presence of God.

As a delegate to several Assemblies, I can truly say that I saw more Bibles at this 47th Assembly than at any previous one. To me, this was a spiritual indication. Ministers and laymen were interested in knowing what God's Word had to say. It was emphasized again and again that neither tradition nor ideas of man must prevail, but God's revelation in His Word must be followed. This trend, toward being sure that God's Word is the authority, was one of the most encouraging of this Assembly.

There are always many things present at a large gathering that detract from the spirituality of a meeting, such as visiting in the halls during times of services or business sessions, failure to participate in the services as an individual worshipper, failure to recognize the auditorium as a place chosen to be a house of God for purposes of the Assembly, and a few other discouraging elements. However, there seemed, to this observer, to be a great improvement over previous Assemblies. This, too, is an encouraging trend. More and more it was evident that those who attended the 47th General Assembly had done so to participate in its activities.

In discussions of vital importance during the Minister' Council, there were times of sharp differences between members of the council. But as in the early church, the decision that was to prevail was "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avaleth anything, nor uncircumcision BUT A NEW CREATION" (Galatians 6:15). Even so, there seemed to be always a final decision in the General Council—that the thing that was important in the lives of the Christians was that of being a new creation in Christ Jesus. This probably was one of the most truly spiritual

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# The UNSEEN SIDE

By H. L. Chesser

**T**O ATTEND THE General Assembly of the Church of God is a privilege and a blessing. To hear the great singing from spirit-filled hearts, the dynamic messages from God's anointed servants, the good reports from the different departments of the church; to enjoy such wonderful fellowship with the people of God from home and abroad; to see such enthusiasm that had gripped the lives of a people devoted to God—all these make us glad to be here and make us want to come again. Seeing the well-organized program pursued, (but one that leaves room for the workings of the Spirit of God), we marvel at the smoothness with which the machinery operates, and are pleased to see the work of the Lord carried on.

Behind the scenes of this great gathering there have been weeks, days, and hours of preparation, all getting ready for this great event. Getting a suitable auditorium convenient for so many people, securing suitable accommodations such as hotels, motels, private homes, cafeterias, restaurants, and parking facilities—all these have to be taken into consideration when planning for a General Assembly. Then the drafting of a suitable program to cover all departments of the church work. Committees to look after the different phases of such a gathering—ushers, watchmen, tellers, musicians—committees on good relations, publicity, welcoming, takes time and thought and planning. Then the local arrangements and the advertising committee in and around the city where the Assembly is to be held play a great part in a successful Assembly. Many problems, some complaints, and little irregularities are attended to that are never known by the masses who attend the Assembly.

The General Executive Committee, having spent considerable time in selecting standing boards and committees and state and provincial overseers, may have their work considerably affected by decisions



*Most delegates are unaware of the tremendous committee work that goes on behind the scenes of the Assembly. Here the tellers committee are busy tabulating the votes cast in the General Council for our General Officials.*

and nominations of the Ordained Ministers' Council. Sometimes they have to reconsider several of these decisions. But when the program is in full swing, they have to do this between sessions or in the wee hours of the night. Often while others are enjoying fellowship or sleeping, the Executive Committee is tolling away. There is no time to lose; the time to read the appointments is getting near. Tired and weary because of long hours and the strain under which they are laboring, they cannot stop; the work must be done.

The Supreme Council, having spent several days and part of the nights discussing, culling, and whipping in order an agenda from the many resolutions and recommendations that came in from the field, hear the General Council screening, combing with a fine comb, and reading into and between the lines things that were neither part nor parcel of the measure as far as the Supreme Council was concerned. They find some of their work thrown into the waste basket. Much discussion brings out diversified opinions, amendments, motions to table or of previous question. Then on the Assembly floor, measures pass as smoothly as if all were perfectly agreed. We think of the Scripture which states "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." To the observer it all looks easy and simple, but behind the scenes there has been much discussion, thought, and work.

Prior to and during the General Assembly the Foreign Missions Board has spent many days and hours in interviewing missionaries, outlining their work, wishing for more finance to promote the work in the far flung areas of the many foreign countries, and working and reworking the budget to stay within the limits of finance available. They are tired and weary, yet the first hand information from the field can be gotten while the missionary is here. So it may be after the night service is adjourned, or it may be

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# Youth AT THE ASSEMBLY

By Louis H. Cross

**L**ARGE LETTERS ON the curtains above the stage proclaimed "HOLINESS BECOMETH THINE HOUSE, O LORD FOREVER." Below a youth choir of 300 voices was in place. Hundreds of young people filled the reserved section on the main floor. The congregation, numbering in the thousands, overflowed into balconies. A flourish of trumpets gave the signal. Suddenly the atmosphere was filled with song. The inspiring anthem "How Great Thou Art" merged into "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God." This was the opening of the youth service at the 47th General Assembly.

There was a harmony in these impressions that united to give a picture of the beauty of holiness and of the vitality of a victorious church. Holiness was not only a theme but here it was a living, beautiful reality. Like an army the leadership of the church was invested in wisdom and experience from whose councils, training programs and battle plans were to come. But also like an army the real strength and promise for victory for the church was in youth—youth worshipping a great God in the beauty of

holiness—youth moving like a mighty army to victory for God and His Church.

Why were they here, these hundreds of young people? Why had they wanted to come even at a sacrifice of other enjoyable activities? There was no organized entertainment for them. There was no recreational program. The responsibility of councils which had summoned the ordained ministers was not upon their shoulders. I became absorbed with this question, "Why were they here?"

As the youth service developed, a portion of the answer became apparent. I listened as "For Me to Live Is Christ" and "I Love Him" were sung with persuasion. I observed the blessings of God during prayer and preaching and then I knew some of the reasons why they had come. They had come to worship God. They had come because they loved the Church of God. Here at the General Assembly was the very heart and center of the church they loved and they wanted to be a part of it.

As the service dismissed, other reasons for their

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National Bible Quiz Champion, Jack Scarborough, Tampa, Florida.



Winners in the National S. S. and Y.P.E. contest. (Left to right.): Thomas Grassano, South Carolina; Ralph E. Day, Ohio; L. E. Painter, Kansas; Robert Reesor, Montana; James Ray, Nebraska; George Ayers, Connecticut; Robert Hart, North Carolina; Richard Stoppe, New Jersey.

# General *Assembly* offers



**O. W. Polen**

*National Sunday School and Youth Director*



**Johnnie Owens**



**B. E. Ellis**

**William Dobben**



# ers many Impressions

Interviewing seventeen persons, including children, young people, adults, officials, state overseers and state Sunday School and youth directors, proved to be a most interesting experience. Impressions of the General Assembly were varied. This variety means that this great meeting blessed those who attended it in many different ways.

In answer to the question: "With reference to this General Assembly, what has impressed you most?" these assembly attendants, interviewed in the halls of Ellis Auditorium and on the streets of Memphis, gave evidence that the 47th General Assembly had been a highlight in their lives.

The following answers give an excellent coverage of general impressions:

**A. M. Phillips**  
General Secretary and Treasurer

"The sincerity of the ministers and laymen to promote the general interest of the church and their eagerness to find the best method for that purpose."

**Johnnie Owens**  
Missions Representative

"I have never seen such evidence of Christian love as I have witnessed during this great General Assembly. It seems to me that the people possess a greater desire to return to their various fields of labor and do a greater work for God and the church than ever before."

**B. E. Ellis**  
Overseer of South Carolina

"The most outstanding thing to me is the theme of our Assembly—the reaffirming of holiness which has been pronounced in the messages and also in the business deliberations of the Council."

**Ralph E. Williams**  
Overseer of West Virginia

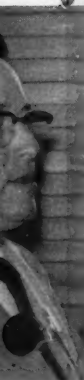
"The growing concern that is manifested by the ministry from all sections of the country for a re-dedication to the task of getting the gospel to the unreached."

**Fred Swank**  
Pastor, Mt. View, Alabama

"The good spirit of many of the ministers towards accepting changes. I heard one say, 'I have preached the teachings of the church before this Assembly, and I will preach the teachings which the church lays down at this Assembly.'"

**W. R. Snead**  
Layman, South Boston, Virginia

"The people at this convention were very well dressed as becomes holiness. We have had unusually good gospel preaching that has impressed me; also my wife. This is our first General Assembly, and we have really enjoyed it. I don't think we'll ever miss another one. I think it would inspire our whole church if all our people could attend these Assemblies."



B. E. Ellis



Ralph E. Williams



Fred Swank



R. L. Stansell



W. R. Snead



Mrs. Robert Hart

**R. L. Stansell**  
*Pastor, Dahlonega, Georgia*

"I was impressed most with the young people's program. Though I am old in years, I am young in heart."

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**Mrs. Robert Hart**  
*Charlotte, North Carolina*

"I liked the youth night service, especially the part when the national award cups were presented—the way they were 'spotlighted.' I liked the music and the regional convention announcement, even though it was shocking."

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**Mrs. C. L. Barker**  
*Kellysville, West Virginia*

"I have been in every service. I was most impressed with the memorial service and the missionary service."

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**Mrs. Willie Buchanan**  
*Bruce, Mississippi*

"I enjoyed the service in which Lee College was presented. I thought the talks of those two boys were wonderful. I am so glad we have young people who can step out for the Lord and work for Him."

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**Grover Dunn**  
*Montgomery, Alabama*

"The youth night service. I was especially impressed with the choir singing and the way the trumpet fanfare and the other special features were blended together."

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**Barbara Bounds**  
*Weatherford, Texas*

"I was most impressed with the 'call to worship' by the trumpeteers, the music and the well-planned program on youth night. The presentation of awards was most impressive and gave us a goal for which to work."

**Sandra Kay Mitchell**  
*Trinity, Texas*

"I liked the singing and the preaching. I liked the displays O.K."

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**Ronald Hodges**  
*Bay Minette, Alabama*

"I liked the bookstore best of all—watching those films."

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**Clyde McKay**  
*Christiansburg, Virginia*

"I liked the bookstore. The service I liked best was the mission service."

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**William Dobben**  
*State Sunday School and Youth Director of Pennsylvania*

"The most impressive part of the Assembly to me was the memorial service for those who had gone on between Assemblies. As a very close second, the very fine presentation of the dates for the regional Sunday School and youth conventions during the youth night service."

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**Hollis L. Green**  
*Member, National Sunday School and Youth Board*  
"The most thrilling thing to me about the General Assembly was the initiating of a national radio broadcast. This progressive step has opened a new door of evangelism for the church."

Another encouraging step is the program launched to reach the colored population in the United States."

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What an interesting and big compilation there would be if the impressions of everyone who attended the General Assembly were put in writing. This, of course, would be an impossible task; however, the impressions of the few persons who were interviewed, given above, should convince everyone that the General Assembly of the Church of God is a really great meeting.

**Mrs. C. L. Barker**



**Grover Dunn**



**Sandra Kay Mitchell**



**Clyde McKay**



**Mrs. Willie Buchanan**



**Barbara Bounds**



**Ronald Hodges**





# The INFLUENCE of WOMEN

By Lucille Walker

**Q**UIETLY BUT SURELY the influence of the women was felt in all areas of the General Assembly. They were there in service working at the various booths; they were in service as secretaries to the general officials, ministerial council, and boards. They were there as ministers, as missionaries, as teachers, and as wives and mothers. I would like to point out some specific ways in which the ladies demonstrated their constant support of the whole church.

Although lady ministers have no direct voice in the discussions and decisions of the Ministers' Council, they are permitted to sit in on the business sessions along with non-voting male ministers. Only a handful

*Sitting on the platform at the ladies' service are (left to right): Mrs. James A. Cross, Mrs. Earl P. Paulk, Mrs. H. D. Williams, Mrs. A. V. Howell, Mrs. Charles W. Conn, Mrs. C. R. Spain, Mrs. Ray H. Hughes, Mrs. A. M. Phillips, and Mrs. W. E. Johnson. Their attention is directed to Mrs. Houston R. Morehead at the pulpit.*

of the women licensed by the church attended, but there were usually a few present. They are serving as local pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, or youth directors.

While the organist played during the Memorial Service, the names of the deceased ministers were read, and a flower for each was placed on a cross. Nine flowers honored women. One honored Mrs. Stella Hargrave. Faithful was she unto death! Her name, to me, meant loyalty, service, self-denial—she was a real Christian. She gave herself and, at her death, left sons and grandsons in the ministry of the Lord and His Church.

I am certain that the men were very "proud" of their wives in the planning and presentation of the Friday evening program. The theme was "Woman's Place in the Church." The four speakers and their topics were:

*Christian Mothers*—Mrs. Charles W. Conn  
*The Minister's Wife*—Mrs. C. R. Spain  
*Christian Teachers*—Mrs. Ray H. Hughes  
*In the L.W.W.B.*—Mrs. A. M. Phillips

These appropriate, sincere, well-presented, short talks kept the congregation attentive and appreciative. The financial report showed that the Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands had raised, during the past two years, a little more than two million dollars. This indicated that their moment of recognition had been duly bestowed.

Newspaper polls have revealed that whereas men are primarily interested in statistics, business, and world



news, women are more interested in people, social activities, and local news. The ladies at the Assembly demonstrated this particular interest in an honor breakfast for all the wives of the general officials. Chief guest of honor was Sister Morehead. Another special table honored the wives of all past general officials.

National S.S. and Youth honors went to three ladies. Stepping into the spotlight as National Youth Leader of the Year was Miss Mabel Holdman, of North St. Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. George Ayers, of Portland, Maine, was the winner in both the S.S. and Y.P.E. contests for Connecticut, Group G. Miss Lorraine Painter won both contests for the State of Kansas in Group D. We congratulate them.

Dear to all our hearts are those who forsake home and friends, comforts and conveniences, to serve the Lord in remote areas among people with strange ways and foreign languages. Dear to the hearts of us all is the entire program of foreign missions! The mission service at the Assembly was outstanding. A visiting minister described the message preached by Rev. Paul H. Walker as "a masterpiece." At the conclusion of his message Brother Walker announced that the Assembly offering would go to help Sister Pearl Stark get back to Africa. She had been at his office many times pleading that she be allowed to return, even though it might mean that during this term she would answer from Africa the Lord's roll call. Her heart was there and she could not accept No as an answer though it be repeated many times. She sat on the platform with a great representation of American and national missionaries. I think they are best described by the writer of Hebrews in 11:38, "Of whom the world was not worthy." Present and representing other single girls serving as missionaries were: Odine Morse, of Haiti; Margaret Gaines, of Tunisia; and Frances Evans, of Utilia.

From these examples, I am sure you can see that today we have our Dorcases, our Eunices, our Priscillas, our Marys, our Marthas, and our Rhodas.



### THE UNSEEN SIDE

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In the wee hours between midnight and daylight when the decisions are made for the best interest of the work. So, on and on we go behind the scenes.

NO ONE IS in better position to tell us something from behind the scenes than the tellers committee. They spend many hours tabulating the votes cast for the different officials nominated and for the election of the twelve councillors. While others are listening to or joining in debate on the various recommendations, the tellers are busy, sometimes with as many as 15,000 or 16,000 tabulations from one voting. Maybe it is almost time to adjourn, but we take another ballot, so that the tellers can count the vote and have the results ready to announce when

we assemble after lunch. Or it may be in the morning. However tired, thirsty, hungry or sleepy the tellers may be, everyone wants to know the results of the last ballot. Many times the ballot does not elect; it is all to do over again. We hear someone say, "When will we know the outcome of the vote?" Just give the tellers time to tabulate! Remember, this is a big job. When we see those who have been elected stand on the platform as the moderator calls their names, we say, "What a fine group of men." It does not dawn upon us the work that is involved in elections at the General Council and General Assembly.

Publicity is one of the greatest advantages, if it is the right kind of publicity. All of us like for people to tell others of our good qualities, but we don't encourage the publicity of our shortcomings. If there was no effort put forth to have the good things at our Assembly publicized, there would be some who would delight in publicizing that which would not tend toward better public relations, and sometimes unpleasant things do make news, and that is what the newspaper reporters are looking for. If a dog should bite a man, that is not much news; but if a man bites a dog, then that is news. When we see a good article in the papers about our General Assembly we like to call the attention of others to read the article, and with a great degree of satisfaction we quote from the writing. But if the write-up was in any way derogatory, we are not pleased. There is a work going on behind the scenes in contacting the editors of the papers, making friends of the reporters, and keeping good relations with them, which is pertinent to good publicity and good impressions which wield a good influence for the church. Many thanks to our public relations and publicity committees for a job well done. All the reports I saw in the papers were good.

Besides all that can be seen or heard and all that was done by all committees, there is that great network of brain cells, feelings, convictions, continuity in prayer and faith by those who keenly feel the responsibility of a General Assembly. And further, the bonding material of it all is the Holy Spirit. The General Assembly is not just another incident in life; it is the work of God, and the guidance of the Holy Ghost is essential in every particular. The consciousness of His omnipotent presence, working in the midst to guide into all truth, is a dominant force behind the scenes. For 47 General Assemblies, this has been a recognized power and always shall be. The 47th Assembly is now history, and we look forward to 1960.



### ... AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS THERE

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aspects of the entire Assembly. The decision was very much like that of the early church as is recorded in Acts 15:18 when they agreed that it "Seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things." Surely, the Holy



Ghost was in evidence again and again in directing the affairs of the General Council.

The evidence of brotherly love was perhaps the strongest proof of spirituality in the entire Assembly. The warm handshakes and spiritual embraces of the brethren, seemed to indicate their undying unity. And when the last amen was said, all returned to their fields of labor to carry on as one great church for the cause of God in this sinful world. The 47th General Assembly of the Church of God will long be remembered as a time of spiritual emphasis.

## THE MAKING OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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one hundred thousand questions! Behind the scenes the committees work, many times long after the delegates have retired. The Executive Committee, the Usher Committee, the Watchman Committee, the Resolutions Committee and others labor tirelessly, while the Mission Board interviews numbers of prospective missionaries. Things are humming.

Saturday night arrives before we realize it. As the crowds in the lobbies begin to thin out, one can observe the satisfied, though tired look on the faces of the delegates, and the murmur can be overheard everywhere as one stands and eavesdrops: "This is the greatest Assembly we have ever had!" The committee members go home tired in body, but with a real sense of satisfaction in thinking: "We were privileged in a small way to help make the Assembly a success."

## YOUTH AT THE ASSEMBLY

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coming became apparent. The extraordinary fellowship afforded by our Assemblies was attractive to them. There was courtship too! Church of God boy meets Church of God girl. This was natural, wholesome, and desirable.

As I walked to my room my mind went back twenty-

five years to the first Assembly I had attended. I surveyed the influences on my life of the many Assemblies I had enjoyed. I said, "Thank God they are here because the Assembly can do much for them."

QUITE A DIFFERENT point of view was brought into focus as I read the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* on Saturday morning. Underneath the headlines "Customs in Church of God No Handicap to Its Youth" were the results of an interview by the Religion Editor, La Rue Gilleland, with two Church of God young people, Barbara Yates and Philip Conn, who had attained recognition in their respective high schools.

Asked pointed questions by the reporter, these young people answered with dignity and conviction. Miss Yates, described as blue eyed, slim, and pretty, was elected in high school to several school offices including class president. When asked if young people belonging to a church which forbids dancing, makeup, or jewelry might not be expected to feel distressed, she answered, "... But we don't. I don't go to movie theaters. And I never wear shorts or lipstick or jewelry. But I'm happy and feel I'm just as popular as any average American girl." Barbara, who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at age 9, when asked about speaking in tongues answered, "Speaking in tongues is evidence that the Holy Ghost is in our hearts and that we are not alone. It is a way for us to talk to God and for God to talk to us. It's the power which first occurred on the day of Pentecost as described in Acts."

Philip Conn is vice-president of the student body at his high school and business manager of the school newspaper. He stated that membership in the Church of God was "no handicap." When asked about dating, he said, "I prefer to date girls in my own church." The writer had summarized the article with words from Barbara Yates, "A young person doesn't have to compromise his convictions to get along in this world. I've found that people respect you for living up to your beliefs."

After reading this article I said, "Thank God our young people are here, not only because the Assembly can do much for them, but also because they can do much for the Assembly."



Display area at the Assembly



Margaret Gaines (left) at the Missions display.



#### STOWERS

Rev. Frank Stowers, of 1859 Capri Avenue, Mentone, California, went to his reward June 18, 1958. Brother Stowers was 65 years old and had been a member of the Church of God since 1937. He was loved by all who knew him. In 1935 he and his wife, Viola, sold their home in Baldwin Park, bought a house trailer, and left for Hemet, California, to pioneer a work there for God. At the time of his death, he was the assistant pastor at the Mentone Church of God.

Brother Stowers had been sick for little over a year. He died of a heart attack in his home. Everywhere he preached, the people were blessed, and he was a blessing to all who knew him. The best part of it is that he knew where he was going and was ready to meet his Lord, whom he loved so much.

He is survived by his wife; 2 sons, Frank and Edward; 3 daughters, Viola, Flossie, and Elizabeth; and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by his district pastor, Rev. Hilton Vall, with Rev. L. M. Jeffreys assisting. The interment was in the Hillside Cemetery, Redlands, California. —Mrs. Helen Bailey, reporter

#### CLARK

Mrs. Iva Clark departed this life on June 23, 1958, at the Loflore County Hospital at Greenwood, Mississippi. Sister Clark was a faithful member of the Bethany Church of God at Poplar Creek, Mississippi. She was a wonderful Christian lady.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Kennedy, pastor of the Morgantown, Mississippi, Church of God. Rev. H. C. Glisson assisted him.

Sister Clark's passing away is keenly felt by her family and friends alike.

—Rev. J. E. Kennedy, reporter

#### WEEKS

Rev. J. B. Weeks departed this life on June 29, 1958. A prince has fallen, a great warrior has laid aside his armor and has gone to be rewarded by his Chief Commander. Brother Weeks was an outstanding minister in the Church of God for 35 years. He was a successful evangelist, pastor, and district overseer, and was one of the men who was greatly responsible

for our many churches in South Georgia. His memory will linger in a most precious way in the minds of those who knew him.

Brother A. V. Beaube and the writer felt highly honored in that we were called on to officiate in his funeral. May God bless his immediate family and all of his friends.

—Earl P. Paulk,  
Assistant General Overseer

#### GREENLEE

On June 16, 1958, the Lord took our mother, Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, to be with Him. She gave her heart to Jesus in 1922 and had been a member of the Church of God ever since. She had been in bad health for sometime, but was blessed to be up and going to church. Brother Lyons was holding a revival at the church and Mother went every night. On the last night of the meeting when Mother went home, the Lord took her on home to be with Him. She told me that she wasn't praying for the Lord to spare her life another day, but she was ready to go. It seemed as if she was carried away in the Spirit of God.

To mourn her passing she leaves her husband, 2 children, 15 grandchildren, and 5 great-grand children.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother Cole, and Brother M. C. Cockwell.

—Mrs. Velma Crocker, daughter



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Memory Verse: "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

Monday, September 15  
Scripture, Jeremiah 33:3

Our English word for prayer comes from the Latin *Precaria*, an adjective meaning "obtained by begging or entreaty." Prayer is life's greatest blessing when one understands what it really is and begins to pray for himself. Prayer is a mighty force, so the devil tries every way he can to hinder us from praying. We do not gain a deep spiritual experience by accident. It comes from the most earnest and prayerful effort. Those who would maintain intercourse with heaven must frequently withdraw themselves from the affairs of this life by praying to God. If we wish to attain a transforming fellowship with God, we must lift up our hearts to God seeking those things from above.

Pray that God may grant us the shining light of His presence at all times.

Tuesday, September 16  
Scripture, Exodus 34:29

Moses was born at a critical time in the history of the Hebrew nation. He was protected and preserved by God when a wicked king tried to take his life. Moses was taught in all the ways of the Egyptians. He possibly would have gained a great place in that kingdom, but he valued eternal things more than natural ones. Because of his great faith in God he became the lawgiver and emancipator of the children of Israel. Moses communed with God on the mount for forty days. When he came down his face was so brilliant the people could not look upon it, and he had to veil his face while he talked to them. Many today want a shining face, but they aren't willing to stay on the mount with God long enough. The praying man will be the powerful one.

Pray for power in prayer.

Wednesday, September 17  
Scripture, 1 Chronicles 16:11

"Prayer as the first, second and third element of the Christian life, should open, prolong and conclude each day. The first act of the soul in early morning should be a

draught at the heavenly fountain. It will sweeten the taste for the day. A few moments with God at that calm and tranquil season are of more value than much fine gold. And if you tarry long so sweetly at the throne, you will come out of the closet as the High Priest of Israel came from the ministry at the Altar of Incense, suffused all over with the heavenly fragrance of that communion" (Henry Ward Beecher). The holiest hour of the day should be the morning hour when the mind is clear from a restless sleep.

Pray that God's people may live a life of influence to others.

Thursday, September 18  
Scripture, 1 John 5:14

Prayer should be according to the will of God. There is no force like it. Prayer is the secret of steadfastness and of all holy activity. Many fail to use this weapon effectively because of unbelief. One of God's greatest servants was Savonarola, born in Italy. He gave his heart to God while he was still young. As he grew older he spent much time fasting and praying. When he started to preach no one paid attention at first, but suddenly people flocked to hear him. Because of his prayer life, his preaching was so touching people would rise in the middle of the night to get to the cathedral where he was scheduled to speak. Thus we see a man prayed through and as a result won many souls to God.

Pray that we may have power with God and with man.

Friday, September 19  
Scripture, John 14:13

Our prayers should be prayed in the name of Jesus. Once a lady came in from shopping. She went directly to her room without looking at a visitor sitting before her. After some time had elapsed the visitor spoke. The woman was embarrassed and asked why the visitor hadn't spoken sooner. That is the way we so often act toward Jesus. We neglect to talk with Him even though He is near. God longs for His people to call upon Him at all times and in all things. We may

not be able to say beautiful words or phrases in prayer, but it is the motive of the heart that counts. Pray that we may recognize Jesus in our midst at all times.

Saturday, September 20  
Scripture, Mark 11:24

When we pray we must have faith. There is no substitute for a personal experience with God, with power to contact Him as the need may arise. We can take some money and purchase a book on religion. We can use money to hire a teacher to teach us about God. But we will never get a personal experience that way. This must be gained by our own selves through faith and acceptance of His plan of salvation. We still thrill at the story of Jacob. Even though he was a lone man, in private prayer he overcame Omnipotent God! Prayer is a ministry that assures the Christian of valuable benefits.

Pray with thanksgiving for the blessing of having the privilege to pray.

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